

- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	37	Minus 40	0	x \$18.00 =	
Ind. Claims	7	Minus 5	2	x \$ 84.00 =	\$168.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00					
Total Amendment Fee					\$168.00
If Small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$168.00

- ☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 168.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account no. 50-1070.

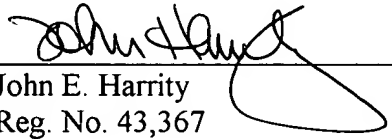
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070.



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **Box AF**
Viet LE *et al.*)
Application No.: 08/923,461) **Group Art Unit: 2633**
Filed: September 4, 1997) **Examiner: M. Sedighian**
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
MODULAR MULTIPLEXING AND)
AMPLIFICATION IN A MULTI-)
CHANNEL PLAN)

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SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 2, 2001, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the Examiner's approval is respectfully requested to amend the application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-7, 9-13, 15-26 and 28-40 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

-- 41 ~~A method of multiplexing/demultiplexing optical signals in a set of multiple channels~~
within an operating window of a fiber communication network, comprising:
fine wavelength division demultiplexing the optical signals from individual channels of
the set of multiple channels into a first set of subgroups of optical signals, each subgroup of